(d) the steps being taken to avoid such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANANI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Observance of NHRC

1584. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission recently observed that the Prime Minister should translate its rhetoric into action as to restore the confidence of minorities in the country; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and action proposed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. In a National Round-table on Communalism and Human Rights organized by the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bangalore on 4-8-2002, the Chairperson, National Human Rights Commission has only referred to the anguish expressed by the Prime Minister and asked all people to translate rhetoric into action to restore the confidence of the minorities.

Killing of dalits

†1585. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item published on the front page of the Rashtriya Sahara dated 19th October 2002 under the caption, "Police Ko Ghoos Na Milne Ke Karan Mare Gaye Dalit";

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the action taken by Government to provide relief to the victims and to penalise the culprits; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.